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[on the report of the Third Committee (A/46/718)]

46/83. Report of the Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination

The General Assembly,

Recalling its previous resolutions concerning the reports of the Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination and its resolutions on the status of the International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination, 1/ as well as its other relevant resolutions on the implementation of the Programme of Action for the Second Decade to Combat Racism and Racial Discrimination, 2/

Reiterating the importance of the International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination, which is one of the most widely accepted human rights instruments adopted under the auspices of the United Nations,

Aware of the importance of the contributions of the Committee to the efforts of the United Nations to combat racism and all other forms of discrimination based on race, colour, descent or national or ethnic origin,

Reiterating once again the need to intensify the struggle for the elimination of racism and racial discrimination throughout the world, especially the elimination of the system of apartheid in South Africa,

Emphasizing the obligation of all States parties to the Convention to take legislative, judicial and other measures in order to secure full implementation of the provisions of the Convention,

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1/ Resolution 2106 A (XX), annex.

2/ Resolution 38/14, annex.

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Recalling the urgent appeals made by the Secretary-General, the General Assembly, the meetings of States parties to the Convention and the Committee itself to the States parties to honour their financial obligations under the Convention,

Expressing its appreciation for the efforts of the members of the Committee to explore ways and means to overcome the Committee's current financial crisis,

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General on the financial situation of the Committee, 3/

1. Expresses its profound concern at the fact that a number of States parties to the International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination have still not fulfilled their financial obligations;

2. Expresses once again its concern that such a situation may lead to a further delay in the discharge of the substantive obligations of the Committee under the Convention;

3. Commends the Committee for its work with regard to the implementation of the Convention and the Programme of Action for the Second Decade to Combat Racism and Racial Discrimination;

4. Takes note with appreciation of the report of the Committee on the work of its thirty-ninth and fortieth sessions; 4/

5. Calls upon States parties to fulfil their obligations under article 9, paragraph 1, of the Convention, to submit in due time their periodic reports on measures taken to implement the Convention and to pay their outstanding contributions and, if possible, their contributions for 1992 before 1 February 1992, so as to enable the Committee to meet regularly;

6. Strongly appeals to all States parties, especially those in arrears, to fulfil their financial obligations under article 8, paragraph 6, of the Convention;

7. Invites the Secretary-General to continue to explore the possibilities for establishing a more secure basis for the future financing of all the costs of the Committee, taking into account the views and proposals of States parties, submitted in accordance with paragraph 7 of General Assembly resolution 45/88 of 14 December 1990;

8. Calls upon the States parties, as a matter of priority, to consider all possibilities for establishing a more secure basis for the future financing of all the costs of the Committee;

9. Notes that the Secretary-General has proposed in his report that the States parties at their next meeting should consider the question of the establishment of a "contingency reserve fund" 5/;

3/ A/46/447.

4/ A/46/18.

5/ A/46/447, para. 4.

10. Requests the Secretary-General to invite those States parties that are in arrears to pay the amounts in arrears, and to report thereon to the General Assembly at its forty-seventh session;

11. Decides to consider at its forty-seventh session, under the item entitled "Elimination of racism and racial discrimination", the report of the Secretary-General on the financial situation of the Committee and the report of the Committee.

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